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Finally, it remains to be discovered whether a people neighboring the Busintana is familiar with the musical bow. I have already said that this was not the case among the rest of the Arhuaco.

G 534 Among the Goajiro Indians, along with the "trompa," a musical bow with horsehair string is used. One end of the bow is put in the mouth, and a narrow, uneven stick is drawn over the string. The strange material of the string already /194/ points to late influence; there are various African traits in the Goajiro culture, as I shall try to show in a future monograph. Moreover, the musical bow here is small, poorly made, and is used mostly by boys. Among the Motilon Indians on the Maraca, too, boys play it (see below /untranslated/). Here one must likewise assume that the Indians learned how to use it only in post-Columbian times, probably from the mulattoes living in the flat country.

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C 411 184 [114] [553] [101] As far as the Chimila are concerned, De Brettes says that he saw hanging at the entrance of a hut a small bow 30 centimeters long, with accompanying arrows. He does not know what this is used for (192). I myself, during my brief visit among these

192 /from p. 257 of the foreign text/. De Brettes, p. 462.

Indians, did not see such a bow, but they told me that in connection with the naming of boys they use a bow decorated with feathers. Among the Ijca, the "sponsor" presents the little child with a tiny bow of palm wood. Naturally, this is no more intended as a musical instrument than the Chimila bow. Since the bow was already used in former times at religious ceremonies, which is not uncommon in South America, one can at least imagine that a musical bow, which even in size comes close to the symbolic bow, might easily find some use at these. The ceremonial must be observed, one must not forget anything, but an addition is easily achieved. The argument of Lumholtz is therefore not conclusive, as I have noted earlier. An instrument named marimba

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